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Raborn's Job as CIA Chief Displeases Mom

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"I don't like any part of it. If I'd had my choice in the matter, I'd have told Mr Johnson to get somebody else. I'm not pleased at all."

Mrs William F. Raborn Sr, a spry woman of 90 years, did not have her choice.

Yet she understandably wants her boy, the new boss of the Central Intelligence Agency, to have a deserved rest.

Mrs Raborn talked in Houston Saturday of the hardships that beset Vice Adm William F. Raborn Jr through two world wars, and said:

"OF COURSE, there's great honor in the appointment. But my son has already received many honors.

"This job just makes more headaches. He won't have the exercise and enjoyment that should be coming to him."

Mrs Raborn came from San Antonio to spend Easter with her children to live in Houston. Mrs Rowena C. Miller of 4317 DeMilo and B. M. Raborn of 110 Sandalwood.

"My son has already given 40 years to the Navy," she continued. "in the job he had now he had a lovely home in Pasadena.

"THE CLIMATE was lovely. They had a heated swimming pool and he swam in it every morning. They had a winter home in Palm Springs. And how he loved to play golf!

"The Navy is a hard life. He served in two world wars. For his sake, after 59 years, he should be able to relax and enjoy himself. I tell you, I'm not pleased one bit!"

Raborn retired from the Navy two years ago and became vice president in charge of program management for the Aerojet-General Corp in El Monte, Calif.

HE AND HIS wife, the former Mildred Terrell of Baytown, have been living in Pasadena, Calif.



MRS W. F. RABORN SR
'An Honor, But ...'

His brother, B. M. Raborn, recalled the explosion aboard the USS Bennington, an aircraft carrier, in 1954. The carrier was practicing maneuvers off Newport News, Va. at the time and Raborn was in command.

Some 200 sailors lost their lives, but Congress awarded Raborn a medal for his expert handling of the disaster, crediting him with saving the ship and the lives of 2,800 men, Raborn said.

"His appointment came as a surprise," he said. "He had a good job in California. He's a pretty dedicated boy, though. He's concerned about the problems facing our country."

THE ADMIRAL has another brother in Houston, Glenn T. Raborn of 10330 Holly Glen, but he was out of town.

Mrs Miller, the admiral's sister, said her brother loves the service of his country and will enjoy his new job.

"I feel that he's well-qualified for the position," Mrs Miller said. "He's the type of person that unless he gives of himself, he's not happy.

"I know he'll be happy because he's not happy unless he's serving others."